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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Cragg, et al.  
Application Number: 09/782,534  
Filing Date: February 13, 2001  
Title: APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A  
DISCECTOMY THROUGH A  
TRANS-SACRAL AXIAL BORE  
WITHIN THE VERTEBRAE OF THE  
SPINE  
Examiner Name: Kathryn Odland  
Group Art Unit: 3743

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:
- (X) Amendment/Reply in 15 pages.
- (X) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 listing 3 references enclosed herewith.
- (X) Return Postcard.

2. Miscellaneous:

- (X) Per the Examiner's request, Applicant has enclosed the 19 most relevant documents previously submitted in information disclosure statements.

3. Fees:

- (X) RCE fee (\$395 small entity/\$790 large entity) 01/03/2005 BABRAHA1 00000078 09782534
- (X) Extension of Time fee: 01 FC:2801 395.00 OP  
02 FC:2251 60.00 OP

- (X) One Month (\$60/\$120)
- () Two Month (\$225/\$450)
- () Three Month (\$510/\$1,020)

4. Payment:

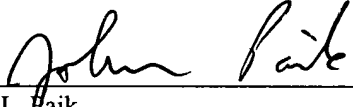
(X) Check in the amount of \$455 to cover the above fees.

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